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The famous and valuable Luff Reference Collection and library, which are not involved in this sale, are being given outright to the Philatelic Foundation by Mr. Clark, but will remain accessible to Scott Publications.

Mr. Clark, who retires July 1st as chief executive of Scott Publications, and his wife, Mrs. Theresa M. Clark, co-editor of the Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue, will stay with the firm, under a long-term employment contract, serving as associate or consulting editors of the various publications.

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1840 STAMPS SOLD FOR $28,035

London, June 12.—The unused part sheet of 48 "two-penny blue" British stamps, dating back to 1840, recently discovered in a Ducal Palace in Britain, has been sold to a collector for £6,300 ($28,035) it was learned today. The buyer wished to remain anonymous.

CORRECTION

Typographical errors in these rush days appear in your newspapers every day. P.S. is no exception. We haven't the time nor the staff for double and triple proofreading. Errors in most instances are slight—maybe a misplaced letter that, while annoying to the reader, the word or meaning intended is obvious. Occasionally the error is more serious as in the Sissons & Wagg auction sale write-up last month we mentioned 1887 Jubilee selling prices. Obviously this should have been 1897. There was no specific Canada stamp issue for the fiftieth anniversary of the Queen in 1887, unless the large sized 20c and 50c stamps brought out in 1893 could so be given credit.

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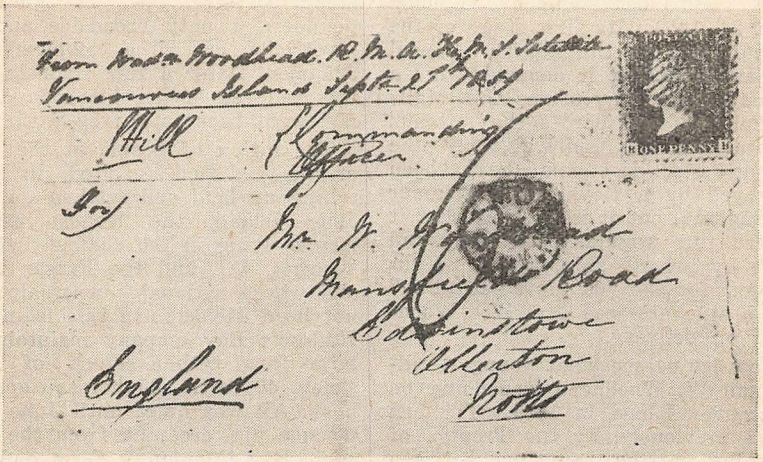

A Seaman's Letter from Vancouver Island in 1859

BY GERALD E. WELLBURN

Amongst my collection of letters of adventures and explorers is a cover written by Wadman Woodhead, a Royal Marine Artilleryman on Her Majest'y Ship SATELLITE, and addressed to "Mr. W. Woodhead, Mansfield Road, Edwinstowe, Allerton, Notts., England." I can easily imagine that this envelope was addressed to the great-grand-daddy of Cyril Woodhead, popular President of the Canadian Philatelic Society, and was written by his grand-uncle—the one who chose a life of adventure in the Queen's navy.

It is an intriguing old cover from a naval rating stationed at Vancouver Island in 1859, and is stamped with a One-Penny Rose-red of Great Britain, which was cancelled on arrival at London. It is addressed in the regulation manner of a seaman's letter of that time, and endorsed "P. Hill, Commanding Officer."

To Dr. Alfred E. Whitehead of Montreal I am indebted for a copy of a postal announcement regarding seaman's letters from British Naval Stations:

"Seamen's Letters—G.P.O., August 1850.

"The Lords of Her Majesty's Treasury . . . authorize the use of postage stamps for the payment of letters forwarded to the United Kingdom by seamen employed on board Her Majesty's ships on foreign stations, all seamen's letters which may hereafter reach this country in bags made up on board any of Her Majesty's ships will be delivered free, provided that the postage of one penny to which they are liable be paid by means of a postage stamp affixed to such letters . . . Seamen will be supplied with postage stamps by the purser of the vessel to which they are attached."

So the One-Penny of Great Britain was affixed to the letter in far away Vancouver Island, which Colony at that time had not yet issued adhesive stamps. (The first issue of stamps—the 2½d pink, appeared in the spring of 1860.

The letter took two months in transit from Vancouver Island to England, being written on Sept. 21,

1859, and backstamped "London Nov. 24, 1859." Its first stage of the journey was to the British Consul in San Francisco, it departed in a closed bag, by way of the U.S. Mails to Panama, and across the Isthmus by railroad. At Aspinwall, on the Atlantic side, it should have been conveyed by a Royal Mail Steamer to England, but it is possible that it missed the regular steamer, and went by private ship, which might account for the "6d More to Pay" which was assessed Mr. W. Woodhead on delivery.

Now let us see what young Artilleryman W. Woodhead was doing on Vancouver Island in 1859. Thirteen years previously, by the Treaty of Washington, the boundary between Vancouver Island and the United States had been set as the 49th parallel "to the middle of the channel which separates the continent from Vancouver Island, and thence, southerly through the middle of said channel and of the Fuca Straits to the Pacific Ocean." But south of the 49th parallel, in the Gulf of Georgia, is an archipeligo of small islands, some of which were claimed by both Great Britain and the United States.

And so Capt. James C. Prevost of H.M.S. SATELLITE was appointed First Commissioner by the British Government to survey and mark out the international boundary. The first meeting of the Commission, which included Americans, was held on board the SATELLITE in Esquimalt Harbour on June 27, 1857, and a second meeting held on the SATELLITE in Nanaimo Harbour on July 17, 1857.

However, while the survey work was progressing, gold was discovered on the Fraser River, and in May, 1858 American ships from San Francisco started to arrive and proceed up the Fraser River. Governor Douglas at once stationed the SATELLITE at the mouth of the River to enforce payment of licence fees from the U.S. ships, and head tax and miners' licences from the gold seekers.

H.M.S. SATELLITE was a fair sized ship for those days, being a steam corvette, with 21 guns,—68 pounders, twenty broadside and one pivot. She carried a complement of 325 men. After a few months she was relieved of her blockade duties, and went back to survey work.

The influx of people at the time of the gold rush resulted in some taking up land and settling on San Juan Island, the largest of the islands lying in the channel between Victoria, V.I. and the Fraser River, and whose national ownership had not been decided. On this island the Hudson's Bay ompany maintained a large farm with a stock of 4,500 sheep, 40 cattle, 35 horses and 40 hogs. All was quiet until June 1859, when a pig, escaping from the Hudson's Bay Company's farm damaged the garden patch of a U.S. settler. The American shot the pig. The company claimed damages. The U.S. Military Commander of Oregon sent a detachment of American soldiers to protect the U.S. settlers from the Hudson's Bay Company.

Governor Douglas took steps to protect the rights of the British, he ordered five men-of-war to the scene, including H.M.S. SATELLITE which anchored off San Juan Harbour with her guns pointing at the American garrison of 461 U.S. troops with 14 guns. It was just at the height of this San Juan excitement that the letter was written by Artilleryman W. Woodhead, but the cover only has survived, without what must have been an intensly interesting letter. Incidently this is a good example of a cover having an historical value out of all proportion to the value of the stamp it bears. In this case the current Scott's catalgue value of the 1d. Rose-red stamp is exactly 3 cents (U.S. funds of course).

What happened to San Juan Island? From 1859 onwards, two military camps, British and American were stationed on the Island. It took years for the boundary to be settled, and matters eventually went to arbitration with German Emperor William as arbitrator. Capt. Prevost of the SATELLITE, assited in presenting the British case, but when

the Emperor made his decision in Oct. 1872, San Juan Island was awarded to the United States, and a few weeks later the British garrison was withdrawn. H. M. S. SATELLITE, for the part she played, is remembered by the name given the channel separating Salt Spring Island and Vancouver Island; a body of water not far from San Juan Island.

Acknowledgement: Histories and documents in the archives of British Columbia, Victoria, B.C.

POST OFFICE REPORT FOR 1841-42

By Frank W. Campbell

After 1841 Upper and Lower Canada were united, so their postoffice affairs appeared in one report, for the first time. The 1840 report was a survey of existing data, preparatory to a new deal in mail handling.

The 1841-2 report was for seven quarterly periods, ending Jan. 5, 1843, and was included as an appendix to the Legislative Assembly papers.

T. A. Stayner, the Deputy Postmaster General, received £600 yearly salary. James Porteous, postmaster at Montreal, got £360, and Toronto postmaster, Chas. Berczy, received £240.

Type dated town handstamps were issued quite commonly beginning then, and some places had a similar design new stamp furnished with type dating, after using one very similar for two or three years in which the date had to be written. Simcoe and Port Sarnia are definite examples of this, because copies at hand show enough difference in lettering to be sure it was a different instrument (letters were a little smaller on the new one).

An odd case is the inclusion of some New Brunswick places in the list, such as Campbellton, Grand Falls, Woodstock. Probably the boundary line was not definitely located, and these northern places were considered as debateable in locality. Their handstamp of the period had "N. Bk." very clearly, though.

Cobourg, Cornwall and Prescott had comparitively large postal business, but the large number of places with a salary of £1 to £3 a year indicated how sparse the total revenue would be. The first five on the list were all small-business offices —Abbotsford, Adolphustown, Adjala, Albion, Aldborough.

Bytown right from start on April 6, 1829 always was a large office in a comparative way—having a salary of £172 in 1842. The heydey of the lumbering business was the reason for this activity.

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MONACO — One value commemorating Day of Postage.

MONACO—Air mail issue of two values, 50 and 100fr.

POLAND—Five values imperforate, in various colors commemorating the re-entry into destroyed Warsaw.

The 9th Annual Sepad National Stamp Exhibition will be held October 18, 19, 20, 1946 in the Two Mezzanine ballrooms of the Broadwood Hotel, Broad & Wood Sts., Philadelphia. The Sepad Organization would like to see a number of British North America Collectors place exhibits in this show as there will be a Special Medal donated by the British North America Philatelic Society for the most outstanding B.N.A. collection in the show.

CANADIAN TOPICS

BY PHIL ATTS.

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It's always a pleasure to comment on writings about Canada in other publications. Frank W. Campbell of Royal Oak, Michigan, has been running a series of articles in Chambers Stamp Monthly called "Canadiana" These seem to be inspired activities of the "Canadiana Stamp Club" of Detroit. They have to do mostly with the stampless period of Canada. Excellent material has been appearing.

Walter Pollock seems to be right in his stride in the "Western Stamp Collector". He appears to be getting a free rein from the publishers and has been calling a spade a spade in no uncertain terms. Walter really has Canadian collecting at his finger tips and his free-flowing style is all too seldom found in philatelic writings.

I mentioned last month that Konwiser's Canadian Stampless catalogue would be out with the June issue of "Popular Stamps". I missed the boat by a narrow margin. It is now in the mails at the time of this writing. The price is Two Dollars.

And speaking of missed boats I must admit I called the new Canadian issue wrong and lost my shirt by several moons. It looks now as if the new stamps are close at hand. I hear that several causes delayed the issue. Sooner or later I suppose some philatelic writer will tell about them. And then mebby Phil Atts won't seem like such a dope.

Coming back to Frank Campbell's column I note in his July 1st column where he says that "starting about 1845 the township was often given as a location of a post office". I can push that date back by at least three years. What other volunteers are there?

Since my last column there can be no doubt that there are crown cancels on cover with the stamps properly tied. But to date no one has volunteered any information about the why and wherefore of its use.

There are four basic directions—North, South, East and West. In the stampless era who can name me a postmark in which two are found? You remember the fellow who knew where the flies went in the wintertime? Who knows where the widows go? Well, in 1875 they went to "Widder Station, C.W.". That's a joke son, or supposed to be.

I mentioned a while back that if you were interested in collecting booklet panes you should read Nelson Bond's series of articles running in "Gossip". There is a wealth of material to be found in these and one appears about every three or four weeks. I would guess that "Gossip" will bring the information out in book form at the conclusion.

I don't often use this column for my own wants, but here are two. I have been looking for a copy of "Philatelic Bulletin" published at Seaforth, Ontario, and also a copy of Vol. 3 No. 6 of "Philatelia" published in Montreal—for a long time. Also can someone tell me if the above mentioned number of "Philatelia" is the last number? And speaking of literature collecting, the "Philatelic Library Association" now has over one thousand members and is still going strong.

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Canadian Local Stamps . . . .

Alleged McLachlan Local

In 1935 The New York Collectors Club Philatelist, under the heading "Canadian Locals" published at some length an article on "Robert Wallace McLachlan, Numismatist," written by Mr. H. Warren K. Hale. For purposes of our series on Canadian Locals Mr. Hale has kindly consented to our use of the following on the subject:

Here we have the fragmentary story of a philatelic Will-o-the-wisp, a private label that possibly was never issued and which, granting its issuance, cannot qualify as a postage stamp in any of the various categories recognized by the most heterodox of collectors. Ghost though it was, it attracted a certain amount of attention in the literature of the time, and as late as 1923 found its alphabetical niche in Melville's collected list of phantoms.

The following item appeared in the **Stamp Collector's Record**.. for May, 1865, published and edited by S. Allan Taylor at Albany.

"HUSSEY'S CITY POST.—A new stamp has lately been issued by the well known Mr. Hussey of New York. The design (which has been copyrighted) ex-hibits the face of a clock (without hands), the hour and minutes of the despatch of a message is instantly indicated by TWO STROKES OF THE PEN. This certainly is a novel idea, and exhibits an undoubted new thing in local stamps; the design is in black on yellow ground."

In July, 1865, Taylor followed his first announcement with a news item, reading:

"CANADA.—A postage stamp somewhat resembling Hussey's has been issued by Robert McLachlan, 143 Bleury St., Montreal. The design ex-

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hibits the octagonal face of a clock without hands; the proprietor's address appears in the margin; lake, blue, green and black on white paper."

The substance of this notice was copied in the **Stamp Collector's Magazine** of London, for September, 1865.

Several years then passed without further discussion or notice of the McLachlan issue till, in December, 1872, Maj. F. W. Wurtele of Quebec City, in an editorial on Canadian Locals in the **Canadian Philatelist**,.. gave McLachlan a brief paragraph, as follows:

"There are no events of importance connected with the other locals, except that the set of ctamps issued by R. W. McLachlan, a Montreal dealer, were merely used as an advertisement and were not issued for the purpose of deceiving collectors, although the Albany dealer we have mentioned got hold of a quantity and sold them as postage stamps. They bore the device of a clock without hands and were used as wafers, the time the letter was mailed being marked on face."

And then he added a foot-note:

"Since the above was in type, we have received a letter from Mr. McLachlan saying that he never issued the stamps in question and had never heard of them before we wrote to him for information. The correspondent who gave us the origin of the stamps mentioned that he could not be sure whether he had ever seen any of Mr. McLachlan's stamps used, but had often seen similar stamps used by other dealers in the manner we have described."

In the face of this denial, the allegation of Taylor that McLachlan was responsible for this stamp is not convincing, to put it mildly. In the following number of the **Canadian Philatelist** a Montreal collector accused Taylor of the manufacture of several of the **pseudo** Canadian Locals, including the McLachlan time-label.

Now McLachlan knew Taylor, when Taylor was in Montreal, and had dealings with him. When Taylor moved to Albany and started the publication of his paper there, McLachlan advertised in it continuously until Taylor once again changed his domicile and moved on to Boston. In fact, the advertisement appeared in the first Boston issue of the **Record**, October, 1865, soon after which Taylor discontinued taking advertisements of competing dealers. It seems strange, therefore, if Taylor did issue the McLachlan label, that McIachlan could have escaped having knowledge of it. In any case, McLachlan must have had knowledge of Taylor's announcement. There we must leave the matter. No specimen of the label has come to the writer's notice. But the possibility admittedly exists that Taylor may have printed this kickshaw and added it to his galaxy of stamp imitations. It seems clearly to be indicated that he at least **intended** so to do. One significant fact should be noted, namely that Taylor, subsequent to his initial announcement, never advertised or mentioned the McLachlan label. This was quite contrary to his usual practice.

I met Mr. McLachlan several times before his death in 1926, at the age of eighty-one years. He was for a long time the leading numismatist in Canada and was a man of great intelligence and ability. For many years he was handicapped with partial paralysis affecting his speech and he practically never conversed with anyone except those of his immediate family. He always had had a frail constitution. I did not realize until after his death that he had ever been interested in stamps. His widow, at that time, told me that as a boy and in early life he formed two large collections of stamps, which he successively disposed of after keeping them comparatively short periods. In July, 1865, at which date the time-labels bearing his name were reported, he was just over twenty years old and lived with his widowed mother at 143 Bleury Street, Montreal.

After leaving McGill University, McLachlan entered the prosperous business of McLachlan Bros. & Co., importers of fancy goods, with his two brothers. This firm became financially involved and McLachlan lost most of his wealth. He was not a good business man, being more of the professorial type.

McLachlan began collecting coins, as he did his stamps, when only a boy and his collection in the course of years became the largest and most notable in Canada, numbering well over ten thousand pieces. The Canadian group was the most important,

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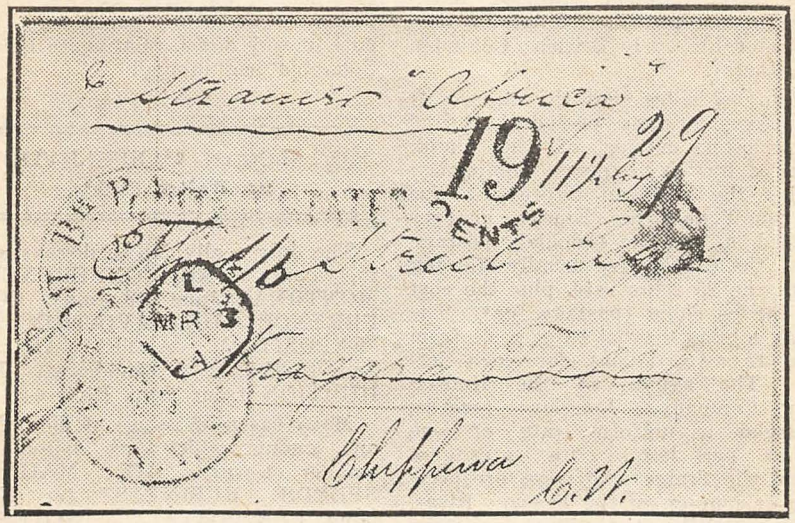

and was the most comprehensive and complete in the Dominion. Through all his adversity he retained his collection of coins intact, and after his death they were sold to the Province of Quebec for a comparatively modest sum, much less than their value. He had expressed the desire, before his death, that his coins and medals should not be taken outside of Canada The collection is now lodged in the Ramezay Museum in Montreal. His numismatic library numbered more than three hundred volumes and two thousand pamphlets.

BRITISH COLUMBIA POSTAL HISTORY

by Harry M. Konwiser

The Victoria Gazette, dated November 30, 1858, carried a proclomation by Postmaster General Anderson which read in part: "Notice: Hereafter mails will be forwarded to and from undermentioned stations in British Columbia by every favorable opportunity, Fort Langley, Fort Hope, and Fort Yale. Colonial postage to be prepaid at 5 cents each. Prepayment of postage is required at the following rates: To Oregon, Washington Territory or California, 8 cents; to any other part of the United States, 15 cents; to Australia, 38 cents; to Great Britain, or Ireland, 34 cents; Denmark, 40 cents; France, 20 cents; to the German States, 35 cents; Holland, 36 cents; Poland, 42 cents."

No provision was made for service above Yale, which was the head of navigation on the Fraser River, according to Fred Lockley's column, in an Oregon paper, per clipping at hand (probably 1946 printing).

The Lockley clipping reports that Wells, Fargo & Co. advertised they would transmit letters to and from California by the "California Interior and New York Express." For details on the Wells-Fargo and other independent British Columbia routes, readers should refer to Popular Stamps, 1945-1946, stories by Gerald E. Wellburn. No doubt the Wellburn stories, together with the London Philatelist stories, of some years back, as illustrated for British Columbia markings, will be placed in a booklet someday, by Mr. Wellburn, and so place "B.C." postal history in convenint form for posterity.

Meanwhile, the Wellburn stories must serve collectors interested in

British Columbia postal history. (The Canada-Newfoundland Stampless Cover Catalog, featuring markings of the pre-adhesive period lists some of the early British Columbia markings).

Longley notes that the miners, at least most of them preferred to send their letters outside of the mails; that is by the express companies; either the Freeman Express service or the Wells-Fargo. Express charges varied, as did the Colonial postage fees, the express fee usually starting with the 25 cents rate, plus the cost of the envelope (postage fee). The early mining district rates were from one to two dollars for each letter. The agents of the Hudson Bay Company, Longley records, charged a uniform rate of one dollar per letter "to strangers from the States who were prospecting or mining on the Fraser River. Richard Hicks, the first assistant commissioner of crown lands, wrote Governor James Douglas (Lockley reports) from Fort Yale, on November 9, 1858, asking that regular postal service be established. At this time the fee for letter-service between Fort Yale and Victoria was one dollar, and Hicks was of the opinion a charge of 1 shilling sterling would produce more revenue, since there would be a larger number of letters for the route.

The Hudson Bay Brigade Route, the trail over the mountains, was usable not more than four months each year. The Indian trail along the Fraser was dangerous, consisting in places of logs swung from the sides of the cliffs. From Lytton, the miners used the all-water route with its enormous portages by way of Harrison Lake and Cayoosh, better known to the miners as Lillooet. (Please note these are facts presented by Longley).

According to Longley's reading of old newspapers and official 1858 papers of Sir James Douglas, the Governor reported he had (Nov. 26) established a postal system on a small scale, appointing Alex C. Anderson, postmaster general at Victoria. This date of the beginnings of the British Columbia postal system may not coincide with dates previously recorded in philatelic stories. Your writer is not in any position to dispute on any dates, relating to British Columbia beginnings.!

P.O. SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS

By Walter Purkis.

The only really NEW slogans seen this month is AIR CONFERENCE / MONTREAL June 6-8 Juin / CONFERENCE / DE L'AVIATION" and "EXPOSITION ARTISANALE / June-16-23-Juin / Handicraft EXHIBITION from Trois Rivieres.

Many cases of re-use of old slogans, among which are noted for smaller towns: "AIR MAIL / SPEEDS / BUSINESS" for Nanaimo. USE POSTAL / NOTES / SAFE CHEAP / CONVENIENT" for Trail. USE / POST OFFICE / MONEY ORDERS for Stratford and also for Portage La Prarie—we think the first time the latter town has used a slogan.

The Postmaster at Sioux Lookout, Ont., informs us that the pictorial slogan noted in last month's P.S. is the first time ever used at that office. It may still be in use at the time these notes appear and we suggest anyone interested in slogan collecting should secure this most interesting one. The Postmaster there is most obliging and every slogan we have seen has been perfectly applied.

We note the "Telgraph Creek and Wrangell Mail Service", an inland ship cancel again used this year on the Stikine River.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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The members will eventually receive notices from the Treasurer and we ask all members co-operation in the further progress of the Society's work

A directors meeting is scheduled for July and further developments are expected with regards to future arrangements. On account of July—August numbers of Popular Stamps being published as one we will be unable to give you much further news until September issue.

We are presuming that all members have now received their copies of the Year Book and we are already receiving many complimentary remarks on the Society's effort.

During the hot spells we hope the editor and C.P.S. members will enjoy many fine vacations and incidently we have a few bragging fishermen in the crowd. You can't talk shop to them when they have a fishing date on.

Don't neglect to gather in those new members. A competition has already been announced in the June issue and please refer to all particulars therein.

CYRIL WOODHEAD, Pres.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP:

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OBITUARY NOTICE

It is with regret that we have learned of the death of our former Member 3501 Arthur E. Roberts, McBride, B.C. Mr. Roberts was a Philatelist of many years standing. He was a member of the Society in the early twenties. Business pressure caused him to drop his membership for a while, which he renewed in 1943.

We apologize to the following members whose names were inadvertently omitted from the current Year Book: 3533 Davison, Earl B., 16531 Patton Avenue, Detroit, Mich., U.S.A. 4059 Keighley, B.M., 474 Roncesvalles Avenue, Toronto 3, Ont.

Will members please add these names to their membership list.

T.S.C.C. NEWS

"It was Presidents night at the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club on Thursday evening June 20th at the Royal York Hotel. Thirty-seven members were on hand to enjoy Walter Bayley's hospitality and to judge the entries in the Bayley Sideline Competition, for which a silver jug was the trophy. Five entries were placed numbered one to five. Ballots were handed around and each member voted for entry he thought best. A collection of Canadian Revenues, beautifully mounted, was the winner.

The entries were as follows: Canadian Revenues, Godwin Harris; Christmas Seals, Leslie A. Davenport; United States Locals, Fred Jarrett; Belgian Precancels, Arthur Guess; Tomato Can Labels, E. M. Edwards. This last entry showed a lot of organality and was extremely funny.

After the award of the trophy, Walter read some interesting newspaper clippings of the club's early days. Harry Fairhead and other old collectors like Leslie Davenport, Fred Jarrett, Charlie Leeson, also spoke. John H. Lowe member for the longest time was present. Refreshments were provided by the host.

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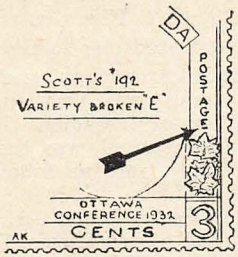
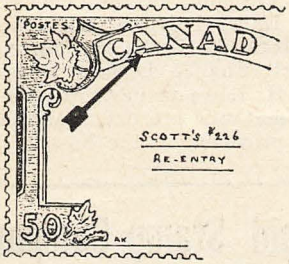


Sketch 165—Canada Scott's #192, the three-cent of the Ottawa Conference, with variety broken E. Loaned by Roy L. Cooke.



Sketch 166—Canada Scott's #226, the fifty-cent Parliament Buildings with the re-entry Through CANADA. Loaned us by Ross L. Thomas.

Sketch 167—Canada Scott's 256a, the fourteen-cent War issue, with blotches and hair lines. Sent us by M. E. Grant.

The Society of Philatelic Americans will hold its 52nd Annual Convention at Cleveland, Ohio, August 14-18. Of interest to Canadians is the nomination for Vice President of Hil F. Best, of Detroit and Windsor, who has been promotional secretary, chairman of public relations committee and director. Best is a member of the C.P.S. and was a former president of the Windsor Stamp Club.

Reminiscent of our own Hamilton, Ontario, the Hamilton Stamp Club, of Upper Darby, Pa., had Miss Ethel Harper, of London, Eng., as their guest June 12th. Incidently our magazine subscription lists show a number of place names in the United States that are the same as over here.

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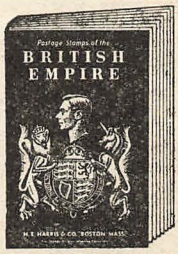

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First Prize Story

Following is the winning entry for first prize in the recent C.P.S. contest:

AN INTERESTING SIDELINE COLLECTION

by C. Y. Hopkins, C.P.S.

Much of the fascination of collecting stamps of the whole world is in the miscellaneous information gathered about far-off and little-known countries. This advantage is lost to some extent when the collector specializes in one area or one group of countries. Nevertheless, specialization is obligatory for most followers of the hobby because of the unwieldy size of a present-day whole world collection.

A simple way of having stamps of all countries in one album is to start a No. 1 collection. That is, to collect only Scott's No. 1 stamp of each country. It makes an absorbing sideline. It would be easy to have a "one of each country" display, but there is no comparison between such a project and a real No. 1 collection.

NOT TOO EASY

No one need fear that the accumulation of all the number ones will be too easy. The Mauritius 1-penny of 1847 and the British Guiana 2-cent of 1850 are not found in every old trunk. On the other hand, gathering a large percentage of the number ones is not a very difficult or expensive pastime. They are all low values and most of them were issued in large quantity. Furthermore, they were novelties and were widely collected. The penny black of Great Britain, although not so cheap now, was put away at the time of use by thousands of collectors and non-collectors alike. The first stamps of many of the British Colonies and the newer foreign countries can be had for a few cents each.

MINT OR USED

The question arises as to whether it is to be a mint or used collection. I would suggest that it be mint and used mixed. There is no necessity to have all alike as seems essential in building up sets of one country. It would be much more difficult to assemble all mint or all used, and would have no particular advantage. In some countries, No. 1 mint is the rare while in others No. 1 used may be the museum piece.

Incidentally, the collectible stamp for our purpose may not always be No. 1 in the catalog. Thus, the logical item for United States is the 5c No. 28. India No. 1 was printed but not used, so that No. 2 is patently the stamp to look for.

ARRANGEMENT

A fairly complete collection of this kind will consist of several hundred stamps and will fill a good-sized album. The arrangement may be alphabetical, chronological or by continents or empires. The lettering will include the name of the country and the year of issue as a minimum, along with any desired data as to subsequent change of political status or of currency. The period of use of the stamp may be given, e.g. 1859-1862.

A good source of number ones is any old general collection which is being broken up. Dealers often have old albums of this kind which customers may examine. Approval books contain the odd No. 1 copy, especially those circulated by the old-established dealers. Want lists may produce good results.

For those few countries in which No. 1 is a great rarity, I would mount an early stamp, say No. 5 or No. 10, with an appropriate explanation.

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the past few years.

An album of number ones is truly a book of classics Their value has been established and stabilized over a period of many years. With the trend towards specialization, many collectors endeavor to collect one country complete, and that means that No. 1 is essential.

NOT A CLOSED BOOK

At first thought it might seem that the objective of a No. 1 collection is fixed and that the collection would become static after a time. Nothing is further from the truth. One large subdivision which can be added is the first air mails, the C 1 group. Already many C 1 stamps have reached a high catalog value and the average collector would need to extend himself to achieve a complete C 1 display. Then there is the interesting B group of charity stamps, not to mention the S D, E and J issues.

Further, the list of ordinary number ones is being extended nearly every year. Thus we have No. 1 Ascension 1922, Bahrein 1933, Burma 1937, Greenland 1938, Pitcairn 1940 and other recent examples.

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New Brunswick Splits And the Connell Stamp

BY C. A. HEWITT

Speaking of the early stamp history of the Maritimes recalls the fact that St. John earned an unenviable record as a place for fakes through the efforts of some collectors to put fake provisionals on the market. We might explain that in the early days stamps were allowed to be bisected to make up a rate. For instance, if a postmaster ran short of one-cent stamps he could take a two-cent stamp and cut it in two horizontally, vertically, or diagonally, as fancy prompted, and make a one-cent rate.

While in most cases this was not in compliance with postoffice regulations, they were allowed to pass through the mails until collectors, wishing to create new items for their collections overdone the thing and bisects were prohibited by the postal authorities. Covers bearing these cut stamps were designated as splits, bisects, or provisionals.

As the genuine bisects were in demand this made an opening for fakes, and evidently full advantage was taken of the fact by at least two collectors of St. John, as the following letter, written to the Eastern Philatelist, of April, 1893, by a local barrister would indicate:

St. John, N.B., April 10, 1893.

"I wish to warn collectors to be on the lookout for bogus "split" stamps (provisionals) of New Brunswick. An irresponsible young fellow of this city (St. John, N.B.) whose name I shall withhold for the present, is putting these on the market for sale or exchange. His plan is to get five-cent stamps on the envelope (the cancellation being on the stamp only and not extending to the envelope), remove the stamp and substitute one half of an unused ten cent, which is then cancelled with a rubber stamp made in exact imitation of the old "gridiron" cancellation of New Brunswick. The forgery is difficult to detect but in most cases is of a deeper black and has a fresher appearance than that of the genuine provisionals. I have reason to believe that this party is also manufacturing Nova Scotia splits as well as New Brunswick, in the manner described. The existence of such forgeries tends to throw discredit upon the bona fide provisionals—my own for example. Persons obtaining any doubtful specemiens of these stamps from this city

or neighborhood will do well to send them to me for inspection. I shall gladly advise as to their probable genuiness, and in case of forgery shall if necessary take measures to have this offender punished according to law."

R. H. W., Barrister at Law.

Evidently the writer of the above did not let the matter drop at that as I find in the next issue of the Eastern Philatellist (May 1893) the following letter, the names while stated in the letter, are suppressed for obvious reasons:

"The warning notice published by me a short time since, relating to the manufacture, in the city of bogus "split" provisionals of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, need only be supplemented by giving the names of the person referred to, these are two brothers ———and——— both minors, but both old enough to know better. The chain of circumstances which led me to feel convinced that these fellows were making bogus "splits" and so to the publication of my former notice, has now been fortified by the most positive proof, incapable of contradiction and therefore I give the names of these youths to the philatelic fraternity, as dangerous frauds and impositors whom all persons would do well to avoid.

Besides the New Brunswick five cent provisionals these fellows have been manufacturing similar split stamps of Nova Scotia and (worst of all) Prince Edward Island, besides cancelling New Brunswick stamps to order (Remainders) by the sheet and so doubling their value. I propose to force them out of the business once and for all."

R. W. H., Barrister at Law,
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Other interesting history was made in the Maritimes by the famous Connell Stamps, the Port Hood, N.S., provisionals and the service stamp issued by a Halifax dealer about the time of the North West Rebellion.

The Connell Stamp of New Brunswick made the province famous amongst the collecting fraternity and it was the hope of being able to add one of these to his collection that kept up the spirit of many an old collector. Charles Connell postmaster general of New Brunswick at the time (1860) was authorized to order a new set of stamps to take the place of the pence issues of 1851, as the coinage of the Province had been changed from pence to cents. Connell authorized the American Bank Note Co. to prepare the issue, which they did and the designs were made up, presumably, by suggestions from Connell. This series consisted of the one cent (Locomotive), two cent (Victoria), five cent (Connell), ten cent (Victoria), twelve and one-half cent (Ship), and the seventeen cent (Prince of Wales). When it was discovered that the five cent had Connell's picture on it, it created quite a furore and he was subjected to a great deal of adverse criticism, particularly by his political opponents. The result was that the stamp was suppressed, and Connell resigned from office. At the time it was stated by Connell that he had left the designing of the stamp to the American Bank Note Co. and that he was not aware of the fact that his picture was to appear on any of the stamps, until after he received the supplies.

The question now amongst the advanced philatelists is: was the Connell stamp an authorized issue or should it be considered only as an essay?—the contention being that the stamp was not authorized and suppressed as soon as issued and that none passed through the mails, except an odd stamp that some enthusiast mailed to himself or to some friend first to have a postmarked copy.

However, it is established that Connell, when he resigned, gave a banquet to some of his followers or friends and at that time gave away some of the stamps, presumablly as souvenirs of the occasion and stated that the plates from which the stamps were made had been destroyed. Doubt was cast on this statement later on when it was found that the stamps were still being issued, but in an unperforated condition (original stamps all being perforated), and these re-issues were all coming from England, where it was assumed the original plates were sent instead of being destroyed. It is also known that some time after the suppression of the stamps, a local printing office received some unperforated sheets which were perforated for the accommodation of one of its customers and the perforations did not agree with the original stamps. Fred Jarrett in his Standard British North America catalogue states in part (referring to the Connell Stamp) "For a stamp which the Postmaster-General retained a copy for himself and presented an odd one to his close personal friends, the stamp comes up too frequently at auctions. The Ayer collection contained three unused and one used copy and I have the temerity to suggest that all the leading collections of the day contain one or more copies used or unused."

It will be evident to those who are in possession of the Connell Stamp, or to those who aspire to be the owner of one, that the stamp must be regarded as very speculative as to value, if original, also that many of the supposed originals are merely proofs or reprints and should be expertized before being passed as genuine.

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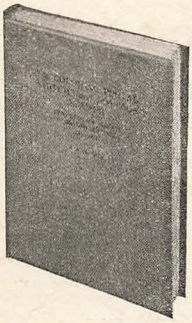

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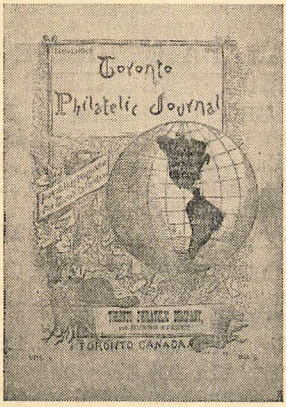

adian Stamp Literature. It is purposed to list books and booklets, chiefly produced in Canada, an Canadian Philatelic subjects, and some few on Canadian philately produced outside Canada. A second section will be devoted to listing of Canadian Stamp Journals published since 1864. This section will be illustrated. Descriptive notes will accompany the listings, and items will be priced, all with the thought of being useful to the philatelic literature collector. The catalogue should be ready for distribution this coming winter and will price around $2.00.

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